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SUBJECT: MORE ON SWEDISH INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

REF: STOCKHOLM 1890; A-182

1. SWEDISH LEFTIST BI-WEEKLY FOLKET I BILD/KULTURFRONT (FIB/K) HAS CONTINUED ITS EXPOSE SERIES ON SWEDISH INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (INFORMATION BUREAU, IB) SINCE EVENTS NOTED REFTEL, AND IB WRITER PETER BRATT PUBLISHED BOOK ON SUBJECT SEPT. 25. HOWEVER, THE EXPOSE RECEIVED RELATIVELY LITTLE ATTENTION UNTIL OCTOBER 22 WHEN IT GOT BACK ONTO FRONT PAGES WITH NEWS THAT FIVE INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED WITH FIB/K EXPOSE HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AND ARE TO BE CHARGED WITH "ESPIONAGE". ARRESTS HAVE TRIGGERED WIDESPREAD DISSATISFACTION WITH GOVERNMENT ACTION AS AN ATTACK ON FREEDOM OF PRESS AND HAVE BEEN LIKENED TO GERMAN GOVERNMENT RAIDS ON DER SPIEGEL AND TRIAL OF DANIEL ELLSBERG. DETAILS AND BACKGROUND BEING REPORTED BY AIRGRAM.

COMMENT: WE HAVE HEARD FROM VARIOUS SOURCES THAT IB ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY DISRUPTED BY EXPOSE AND  
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THAT MANY FACTS IN EXPOSE WERE ACCURATE. THE LACK OF

RESPONSE FROM SWEDISH PUBLIC ABOUT SUCH UNDENIED IB  
ACTIVITIES AS BURGLARIZING EGYPTIAN EMBASSY AND SUR-  
VEILLANCE OF INTERNAL SWEDISH GROUPS HAS BEEN CURIOUS,  
ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING SWEDES' OBSESSION WITH MORALIZING  
OVER WATERGATE. HOWEVER, THIS INDIFFERENCE NOW SEEMS TO  
BE OVER AND PALME GOVERNMENT FACING SOME POLITICAL DIFFI-  
CULTIES BECAUSE OF ITS HARSH TREATMENT OF THE FIB/K GROUP.  
IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER THE SWEDISH CHIEF PROSECUTOR,  
AXEL ROBERT, CAN PRODUCE ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO CONVICT THE  
GROUP OF ANY CRIMES, AND CONVINCE PUBLIC THAT GOVERNMENT'S  
ACTION WAS JUSTIFIED.

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